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INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: PRG ISSUE AT LOW CONFERENCE: ARAB POSITIONS

1. USDEL OFFICER CALLED JANUARY 30 ON MAAMOUN KURDI OF THE SAUDI MISSION IN GENEVA. IT QUICKLY BECAME APPARENT THAT KURDI WAS ALREADY ON OUR SIDE ON THE PRG ISSUE. HE SAID THAT INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM HIS GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT THE GVN ON THIS QUESTION. KURDI ADDED THAT JORDAN HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS "EVEN STRONGER THAN OURS" AND THERE NEED BE LITTLE FEAR OF THE JORDANIAN POSITION.

2. ASKED ABOUT OTHER ARAB STATES, KURDI SAID THAT MOROCCO MIGHT ALSO VOTE AGAINST THE PRG BUT THIS WAS NOT CERTAIN. MOST OF THE OTHERS, HE IMPLIED, WOULD EITHER ABSTAIN OR VOTE FOR THE PRG.

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3. KURDI RASIED QUETION OF OMAN'S POSITION.
BECAUSE OF THE INSURGENCY INSIDE ITS TERRITORY, OMAN
WOULD PRBABLY VOTE AGAINST THE PRG. BUT THE OMANI
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA AND HIS DPEUTY, WHO ARE
TUNISIAN AND EGYPTIAN NATIONALS RESPECTVELY, SEEM TO
BE TRYING TO CHANGE THIS POSITION. KURDI SUGGESTED
THAT AMEMBASSY MUSCAT BE ALERT TO THIS POSSIBILITY
AND SEEK TO PREVENT IT.DALE

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